(c) whether it is a fact that the policies of NDDB are aimed only at ensuring profits for Amul;

(d) whether it is also a fact that heavy drying and tatrapak facilities and other product manufacturing have been created only in Gujarat so far at the expences of other States; and

(e) if so, whether Government would propose to abolish NDDB?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL) : (a) In order to even out the imbalance in the availability of liquid milk due to regional and seasonal variations and to stabilise the prices of milk products during Operation Flood-II, it was decided to create a pooled buffer stock of conserved Dairy Commodities from the gifts from the European Economic Community and the indigenously produced commodities. This buffer stock is to be utilised mainly for the recombination purposes by the metro dairies of Calcutta, Delhi, Bombay and Madras to meet the liquid milk market in the urban demand centres.

(b) The creation of pooled buffer stock of conserved dairy commodities is one of the primary objectives of Operation Flood, and is done during periods of increased milk procurement through production and procurement of conserved commodities.

(c) No, Sir. The objectives are towards creating viable infrastructure for procurement, processing, marketing etc. to be owned and operated by the member producers of the Cooperatives. Currently there are 174 milksheds/unions funded under Operation Flood.

(d) No, Sir. The processing capacities are created on the basis of the projected milk procurement in the milksheds and the ability of the Unions/Federations to operate the procurement, processing and marketing of milk and milk products as financially viable activities. Out of the total drying capacity in the country under Operation Flood, about one-third is in Gujarat.

(e) Does not arise.

Purchase by Fruit and Vegetable Project of Mother Dairy

481. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the quantities and value of fruits and vegetables purchased under Fruit and Vegetable Project of Mother Dairy during the last three years till date indicating the names of suppliers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that bulk of the purchases were made from and through middlemen and not direct from farmers or their cooperatives;

(c) what had been the losses, if any, under this project suffered either by Mother Dairy, Fruit and Vegetable Project, NDDB or Government during the above period;

(d) what is the investment so far on this project; and

(e) whether Government would ask NDDB to create similar set ups in every town in the country with a population of one lakh and above?

THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI DEVI LAL): (a) The Fruit and Vegetable Project of Mother Dairy has purchased 51,300 metric tonnes of fruits and vegetables for a value of Rs. 12.44 crores during the last three years ending on 31-3-89. As there are over 7000 suppliers, farmers , small farmers every month, it would be difficult to indicate the names of all suppliers.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) There have been losses under Fruit and Vegetable Project in the year 1987-88 only, during the last three years. The details of cash profit (+) and loss (—) during the last three years ending on 31-3-1989 are as under:—

Year	(Rupees in Lakh)
1986-87	(+)6·83
1987-88	(—)11·94
1988-89	(+)58·78

(d) NDDB has invested about Rs. 32.00 crores upto 31-3-1989 on the Fruit and Vegetable Project.

(e) No, Sir.

Rehabilitation of mentally retarded persons in Government services

482. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to rehabilitate and employ mentally retarded persons in Government services;

(b) if so, what action are being taken to register the names of these persons in regional employment exchanges;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that these persons are not permitted share in their inherited properties; and

(e) if so, how will the Government overcome such discrimination in order to maintain social justice to them?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) to (c) Placement services to persons with mild mental retardation are being provided by the existing Special Employment Exchanges for the Physically Handicapped and by the Vocational Rehabilitation Centres for the Handicapped, subject to their fitness for the job.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश के रोजगार केन्द्रों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगार व्यक्ति

483. **श्री चन्द्रिका प्रसाद त्रिपाठी**: क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में वर्तमान में विभिन्न रोजगार केन्द्रों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों की संख्या क्या है;

(ख) राज्य के रोजगार केन्द्रों में पंजीकृत बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों में से अनुसूचित जाति और अनुसूचित जनजाति से संबंधित व्यक्तियों की संख्या क्या है;

(ग) उपरोक्त भागों (क) और (ख) के उत्तर में वर्णित व्यक्तियों में से उन व्यक्तियों की संख्या कितनी है, जो 3 वर्ष या 3 से अधिक वर्ष तक बेरोजगार रहे हैं ; और

(घ) इन बेरोजगार व्यक्तियों को रोजगार उपलब्ध कराने के लिए वर्तमान सरकार द्वारा यदि कोई पहल की गई है, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है?

श्रम और कल्याण मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) 31-12-1989 की स्थिति के अनुसार, मध्य प्रदेश के रोजगार कार्यालयों के चालू रजिस्टर पर नौकरी चाहने वालों, यह अनिवार्य नहीं कि उनमें से सभी बेरोजगार हों, की संख्या 19.79 लाख थी।